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### **Downtown District Representatives “Operation Reclaim Waller Creek”**

The Downtown Area Command District Representatives are currently working with Parks and Recreation Department, Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, Austin Energy, and the Downtown Austin Community Court to clean up Waller Creek from 15<sup>th</sup> Street to 10<sup>th</sup> Street.

Operation Reclaim Waller Creek is a collaboration of City Departments working together to improve the quality of life in the downtown area and address the crime that is occurring.

The clean up will include clearing the creek beds of overgrowth, painting over graffiti, improving lighting, removing litter (trash) and enforcing all city ordinances. Downtown Austin Community Court will also provide crews for the operation. They will have persons who have been sentenced to community service through the community court to help clean up. .

**Media Advisory:** APD Downtown Area Command District Representatives will be available for interviews at Waterloo Park on the Red River Street on August 18, 2008, at 10 a.m. Please call APD-PIO if you plan to attend.

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